



ORDER OF WORSHIP for NOVEMBER 07, 2021
COMMUNION SUNDAY
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
The First Congregational Church of Hanover, Massachusetts
An Open and Affirming Church of the United Church of Christ

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Link to this service:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGOZdozbwpMp1qbJeHbwAaA>

PRELUDE

GREETING:

Leader: This is the day our God has made!
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

WORDS OF WELCOME

Children will remain in worship today – Sunday school classes resume next week

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Why are you here?
All: To be together in the presence of God.
Leader: Why are you here?
All: To give thanks to God.
Leader: Why are you here?
All: To ask for God's help.
Leader: Why are you here?
All: To listen for a word from God.
Leader: Why are you here?
All: To praise God with music and prayer!
Let us worship God!

UNISON INVOCATION

Holy and Awesome God, we know you are with us all the time in all places. Yet we ask you now to come nearer to us and stay. Hear our praise in music and words. Hear our prayers both spoken and unspoken. Swirl around us and dwell within us and then send us forth to do your will. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** (Pilgrim #478) *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Refrain: *All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

1. Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings. [Refrain]
2. The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset, and the
morning that brightens up the sky, [Refrain]
3. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, He made them, ev'ry one. [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 12:38-40

³⁸ As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 12:41-44

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

***THE GLORIA**

Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost!

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

REFLECTION FOR ALL AGES: *Going for Broke*

***HYMN** (Pilgrim #227)

Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father (Creator), who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT – Lynn White

THE OFFERTORY

Invitation to Offering

***The Doxology** (Red Pilgrim #515)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host!
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn (Pilgrim #288) *Let Us Break Bread Together*

1. Let us break bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: *When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.*

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]
3. Let us praise God together on our knees.
Let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Consecration and Distribution of the Elements

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: **Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by this special meal that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** (Chalice #33) *How Great Thou Art*

1. O Lord, my God! when I in awesome wonder Consider all the works thy hands hath made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: *Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!*

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin;
[Refrain]
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill
my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great
thou art! [Refrain]

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

- ◆ The altar flowers today are given by the Flower Fund in appreciation of all who helped
and donated at the Church Fair.

*Covid and the Delta variant are very much with us. Masks are expected for services in the
church building until further notice. Masks will be available when you enter the sanctuary.*

Indoor Coffee Hour is suspended until further notice.